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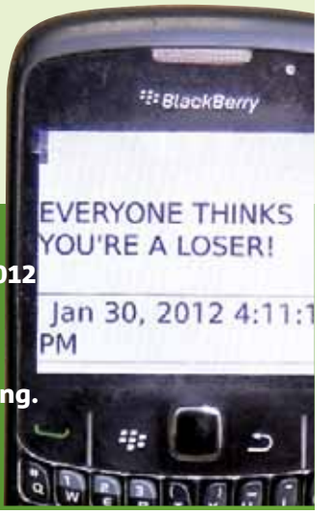

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Councillors stand pat on leash bylaw

Dog owners caught tying up pets outside stores last year had to pay $250 fine

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▶ Vancouver Green Coun. Adriane Carr

Green Coun. Adriane Carr has lost a ruff battle to change a city bylaw against leashing up dogs unattended in public.

Carr introduced a motion Tuesday for the city to tweak its animal-control bylaw, allowing dog owners to tie up their four-legged friends to a bike rack or parking meter outside stores. But Vancouver council voted to keep the bylaw as is.

"I'm very disappointed," Carr said. "I think we left a bylaw in place that's very broad in its approach and does leave it to the enforcement officer to impound a dog and fine its owner for just leaving a dog in a safe way.

"I really do believe that we have a chance to change our bylaw and really get at the kind of behaviour that we don't want to see in the city," she said, adding they could have tightened or changed the wording of the section in the bylaw.

City staff told council that 126 tickets were handed out last year for off-leash dogs, but only five owners got tickets for tying up their pooches outside stores.

Vision Coun. Kerry Jang said during the council meeting that the small number of tickets handed out shows that enforcement officers are mostly giving warnings to educate people and that they're exercising a "great deal of discretion" when writing tickets.

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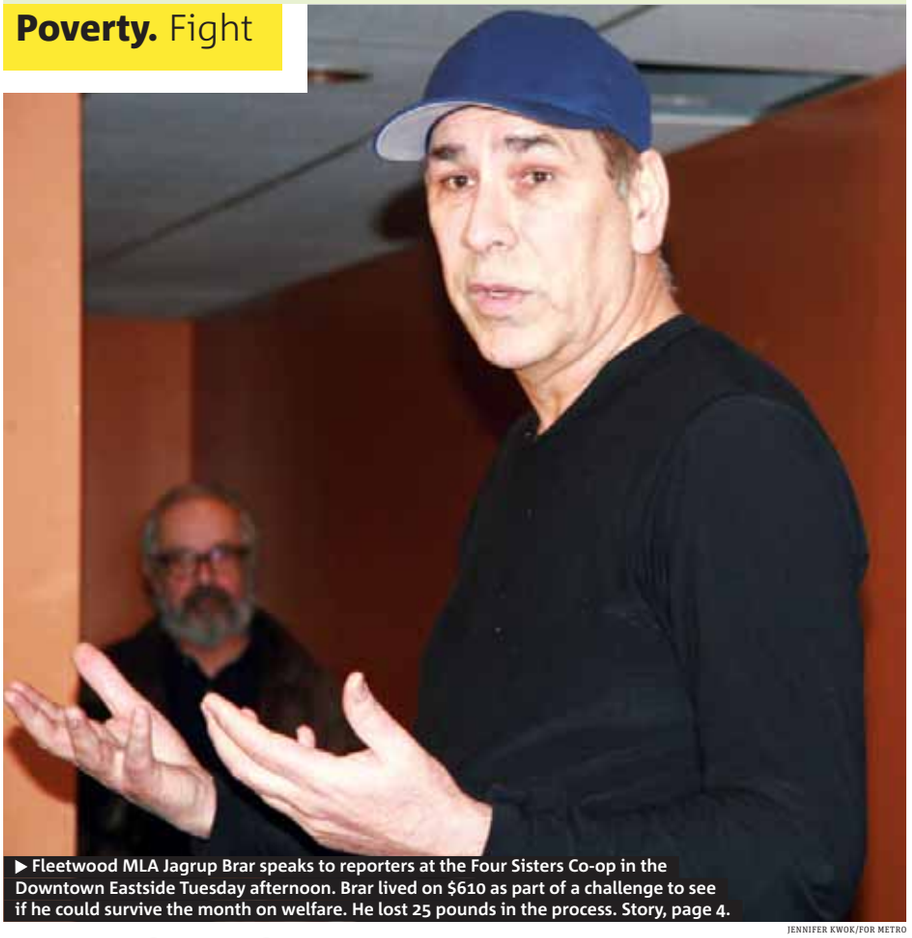
▶ Fleetwood MLA Jagrup Brar speaks to reporters at the Four Sisters Co-op in the Downtown Eastside Tuesday afternoon. Brar lived on $610 as part of a challenge to see if he could survive the month on welfare. He lost 25 pounds in the process. Story, page 4.

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End of welfare challenge just the start

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Toddlers die in house fire

A pair of young twins have died in a house fire in Mackenzie after frantic rescue attempts by their parents, police, firefighters and a neighbour failed to save them.

RCMP Const. Leslie Smith said the 18-month-old children — a brother and sister — were trapped in a second-floor bedroom when the fire broke out about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

By the time fire crews arrived, the home was fully engulfed.

"Members tried to go through the front of the house as well as the back but were pushed back by aggressive flames," Smith said. "There were a lot of neighbours and witnesses who were trying to help at that time."

The parents and a three-year-old child made it out.

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Vancouver planner moving on

The city is parting ways with its director of planning and will begin an international search for his replacement. Council voted Tuesday to part ways with Brent Toderian, Vancouver's director of planning for the past six years.

Toderian spearheaded a number of planning initiatives including laneway housing, EcoDensity and the Cambie corridor plan.

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▶ RCMP Chief Supt. Janice Armstrong announces Tuesday that the New Westminster Police Department will be conducting an independent probe of the Surrey RCMP police-dog mauling of a north Surrey teenager during an arrest Saturday.

New West police probe RCMP-dog mauling

- Suspected robber bitten several times while trying to flee crime scene
- Investigation comes after incident involving Vancouver police dog

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New Westminster police have taken over the investigation of a police-dog mauling of a North Surrey teenager during an arrest early Saturday morning.

Surrey Mounties were called out to a break-and-enter at a convenience store in a gas station in the 14900-block of 108th Avenue at around 2 a.m.

Uniformed officers, including a police dog and its handler, arrived and saw two suspects fleeing the scene. A 16-year-old male was apprehended by the police dog, but was bitten several times in the face and arm during the takedown.

"We are concerned with the injuries sustained by the 16-year-old," said RCMP Chief Supt. Janice Armstrong. "Given the circumstances, we have placed the dog handler on administrative duties, and his police dog has been removed from operational duty while the New Westminster Police Department conducts their investigation."

The Lower Mainland District RCMP requested the independent review of the incident.

Armstrong said the dog handler has about eight and a half years with the RCMP and nearly a year and a half in dog services.

The independent probe, she added, will determine whether the use of the police dog followed RCMP policy and wasn't excessive given the circumstances.

The investigation comes only days after a Vancouver man sued the Vancouver Police Department after his leg was allegedly ravaged by a police dog during an arrest in June.

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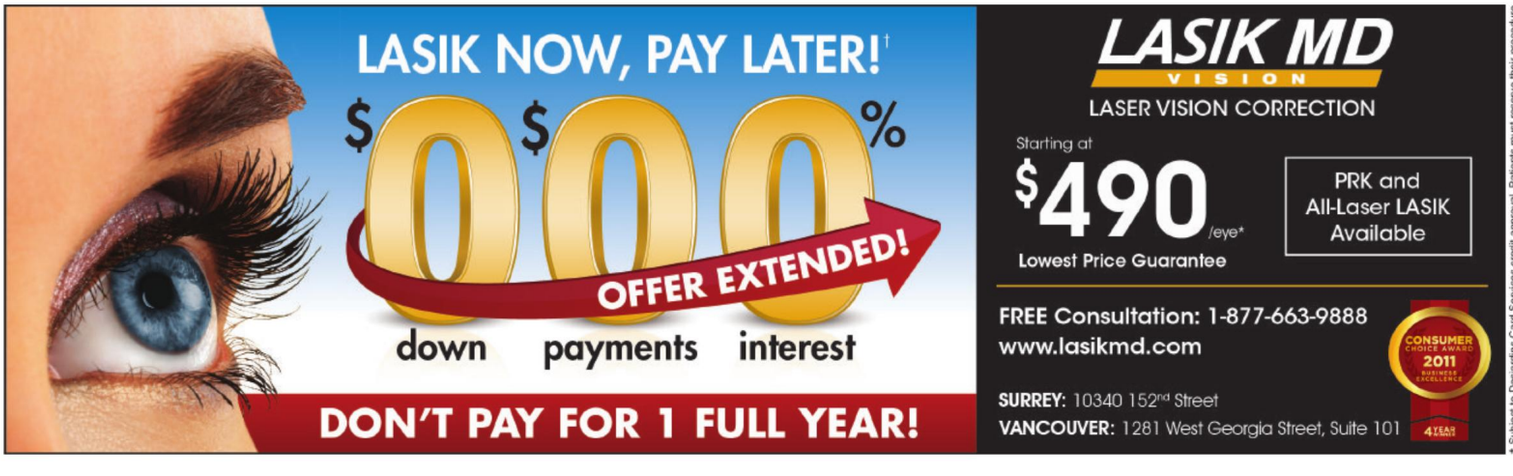
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MLA ends his welfare challenge

Jagrup Brar returns to Surrey home via transit Affordable housing will be priority

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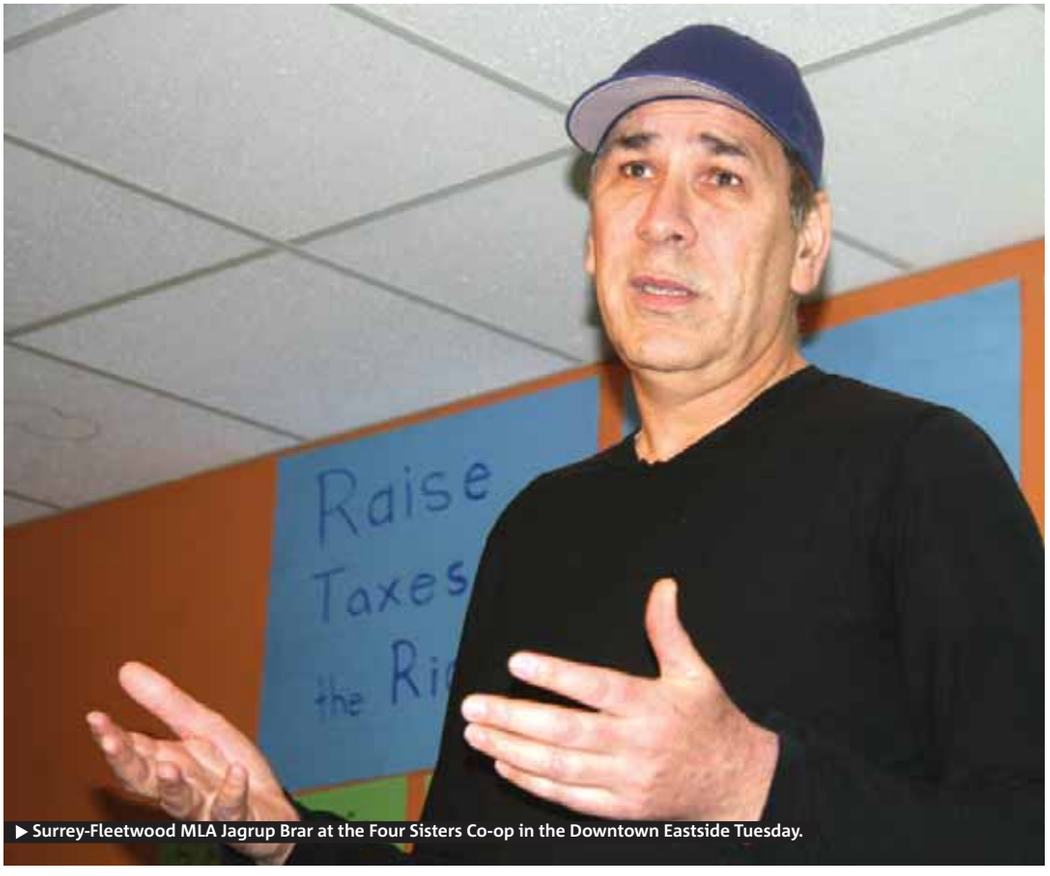

▶ Surrey-Fleetwood MLA Jagrup Brar at the Four Sisters Co-op in the Downtown Eastside Tuesday.

The end of January marked the end of Surrey-Fleetwood MLA Jagrup Brar's welfare challenge, but the veteran MLA has no plans to say goodbye to poverty.

Brar's challenge of living on $610 for the month came to an end Tuesday as members of Raise the Rates and the low-income community celebrated at Four Sisters Co-op in Downtown Eastside. But the end of the challenge is just the beginning.

Brar, who lost 25 pounds, listened to powerful stories of people who rely on welfare. He experienced running out of money, standing in food lines and taking transit. He hopes to take those stories to the legislature.

"I have many experiences and stories to share with my family and my community," Brar said. "The first thing I want to do is work with my New Democrat caucus colleagues … to build a meaningful poverty-reduction plan," Brar said.

"What I heard from the people — seniors, single mothers, those with disabilities, aboriginal groups — is always the problem of housing. Housing comes first."

Brar also wants to provide support for children in poverty, like access to proper schooling and food. He said better services are needed for those with disabilities and mental-health problems and said people need decent jobs to re-establish their lives.

During Brar's time in the Downtown Eastside, he became accepted as a member of the community. Brenn Kapitan, a mother with disabilities who is on welfare, presented Brar a painting. It was among the many gifts given by those in the community.

"It's a present to show hope," Kapitan said. "He is hope."

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Vancouver police hunt for riot-assault suspects

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▶ Robert MacKay at the Vancouver police building on Cambie Street Tuesday.

Robert MacKay was trying to protect The Bay on Granville Street with a pole before he was pulled into a mob and repeatedly kicked, punched and pepper-strayed during the madness of the Stanley Cup Riot.

Seven months later, Vancouver's Integrated Riot Investigation Team (IRIT) has released images of six of nine alleged rioters involved in the beating.

MacKay admits he wasn't "overly scarred by that night" but hopes the rioters will be held accountable.

"They caused a lot of damage to the city and others, and it would be a strong message to the rest of the country (if they were charged)," he said at a press conference Tuesday.

Three of nine suspects have been identified and charged with the assault on MacKay — Tanner Bedow, 25, Armando Garcia, 19, and Brandon Wise, 18, all from Surrey.

The Crown also approved charges Tuesday against two other rioters — Eric Hodson, 18, of Surrey and a 17-year-old Langley resident who can not be named.

The IRIT also added 251 photos of alleged rioters to their website in hopes the public will help identify the suspects.

According to Insp. Les Yeo, many of the suspects could be charged with break-and-enter and participating in a riot.

To date, the Crown has approved 116 charges against 43 suspected rioters.

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Police find body in Maple Ridge

Police in Pitt Meadows are investigating a possible homicide after a body was discovered in an agricultural area.

The body was found around 10:30 a.m. Tuesday by a passerby in the area of 224 Street and 144 Avenue.

"The male victim appears to have met with foul play and homicide is suspected," said Sgt. Jennifer Pound said. METRO

Ex-premier sued over book

The man whose inquiry findings led former B.C. premier Bill Vander Zalm to resign in 1991 says he threatened to quit before completing his task.

Ted Hughes is suing Vander Zalm for defamation over passages in the former premier's 2008 book.

Hughes told B.C. Supreme Court that Vander Zalm had asked him to conduct the conflict-of-interest inquiry into the 1990 sale of his theme park to a Taiwanese billionaire.

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RCMP needs quicker responses: Commission

The Mounties should be quicker in responding to complaints, according to a new report from the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP.

The report deals with the in-custody death of Clay Alvin Willey, who suffered a cocaine overdose and was hog-tied by police and jolted with a Taser before he died in Prince George in 2003. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pickton case left detective 'grief-stricken'

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▶ Det. Const. Lori Shenher at the inquiry Tuesday.

The lone police officer assigned to investigate missing persons while women were disappearing from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside released a torrent of tears and frustration at the inquiry into the Robert Pickton case Tuesday.

Det. Const. Lori Shenher has told the inquiry she was almost alone in investigating the disappearances, that her superiors discounted her growing suspicion a serial killer was responsible and ignored her suggestions it might be Pickton.

She said when she learned officers were scouring the Pickton's pig farm, she wanted it to be anyone but him. As the outcome became clear, Shenher testified she was left grief-stricken. When officers finally came around to believing the disappearances were the work of a serial killer, the complaints of women gone missing stopped, she said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

INTERNAL INVESTIGATION

Mountie resigns over theft charges

A Mountie in Cranbrook has resigned after being charged with stealing a computer. Const. Bryden Hennessey was accused after an officer seized a laptop from a pawnshop last October, claiming it had been stolen, but the computer was never entered as evidence.

After an internal investigation, Hennessey was removed from service and his pay was stopped. He submitted his resignation in early December.

Hennessey has been charged with theft under $5,000 and has his first court appearance Feb. 6. He also pleaded guilty in an incident in 2003 when he and another Mountie were charged with assault. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ After a shaky start, B.C. Lions player's day with Grey Cup immortalized online ▶ Filmmaker challenges Super Bowl winners to head up mountain

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▶ B.C. Lions player James Yurichuk hoisting the Grey Cup at the top of the mountain.

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A video — one that almost didn't get released — of a B.C. Lions player hoisting the Grey Cup on top of a mountain has now been completed.

In December, after winning the CFL championship, B.C. Lion James Yurichuk and his friend Bradley Friesen took a helicopter to the top of a mountain to film the Canadian linebacker victoriously hoisting the cup.

That night, the footage was lost and Friesen appealed to the public for help.

While the missing footage hasn't been found, the Lions granted Yurichuk another day with the CFL trophy to re-shoot the video.

A month and a half later, the Rise of the Cup video can finally be seen online.

"James is extremely excited about it. The experience, the day, the video — he couldn't ask for anything more," said Friesen.

With almost 500 views on YouTube since it was posted on Tuesday morning, Friesen issued a challenge to the winning quarterback of Sunday's Super Bowl: Make a video to commemorate your day with the Super Bowl.

He even offered to shoot the video.

"The opportunity to do it again with another sports trophy like the Stanley Cup or the (Vince Lombardi trophy) ... I couldn't say no to that."

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BRADLEY FRIESEN ON HEADING TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AGAIN WITH ANOTHER SPORTS ICON

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▶ Babine Forest Products

Sawdust intensified fire at B.C. sawmill

Dry sawdust played a role in an electrical fire that resulted in half a million dollars in damage last February at the same Northern B.C. sawmill that burned to the ground earlier this month, killing two workers. An investigation into last February's blaze at Babine Forest Products in Burns Lake found an electrical spark in a motor likely ignited some sawdust, starting a fire amongst more dust in nearby electrical cables. Stephen Hinde with the BC Safety Authority says he doesn't believe the nature and causes of last year's fire caused the explosion at the mill earlier this month. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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When bullying moves online, the damage multiplies — fast

Cyber-bullying can haunt both school-age victims and bullies long after graduation

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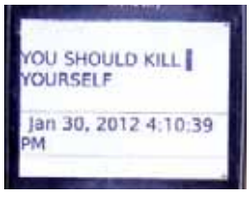
The Internet has created a new and oftentimes more emotionally damaging type of bully: The cyber-bully — one who can follow you home.

"Before everyone was online with multiple computers at home, bullying stopped at three o'clock," said Monika Wierzbicki of the Canadian non-profit anti-bullying organization Stop a Bully. "There was a sort of buffer. Kids could go home, see their parents, have dinner and to some extent forget about bullying for a while. Now, a person can potentially be bullied non-stop, not just in school."



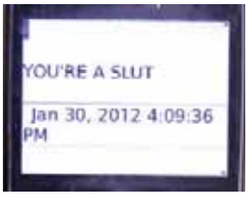
Katie Neu, 20, knows this all too well. The Listowel, Ont., resident and founder of Bullying Canada, became the victim of intense cyber-bullying when she was a high school student. The relentless hateful messages eventually pushed her to leave school and continue her studies from home.

"I would get bullied at school, then go home, turn on my computer and be victimized there, too," said Neu, who has continued to do college and university courses online. She said even now she still receives hate mail and has negative comments put on the Internet about her.

"Unfortunately, even if the (bully) eventually realizes that what they have done is wrong, undoing the damage can be very difficult."
MONIKA WIERZBICKI, STOP A BULLY ORGANIZATION

Anonymity

Wierzbicki said the Internet has changed the course of bullying irrevocably. Where traditional schoolyard bullies had to engage in face-to-face contact with their targets, the online world provides bullies with relative anonymity. As a result, bullies feel protected and do and say things they would otherwise not do in person.



In fact, a 2008 University of Toronto study cited on bewebaware.ca found that 75 per cent of the young people who admitted to cyber-bullying someone had never bullied anyone offline or face-to-face.

After-effects

Wierzbicki said that bullying, regardless of the form, can have implications for many years following the incident for both the bully and victim; however, the Internet has compounded the effects because of the immediacy and scope of the medium.

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"Pictures and comments can be posted and seen by (potentially) thousands of people in a matter of minutes," said Wierzbicki, adding that even if a bully repents and removes the offending material, a limitless number of people can have already seen it and downloaded it.

And the offending posts may not just haunt a bully's victims.

"Because employers now have the ability to check up on (prospective employees) by googling them, or checking their Facebook page, any cyber-bullying a person committed has the potential to negatively affect their job prospects," said Wierzbicki. "The Internet can keep a record of previous negative behaviour that can be accessed by anyone who wants to find it. Discovered months or even years later, it can reflect poorly on a person who may in fact have already made amends, changed their behaviour and become a completely different person."

Consequences

According to Media Awareness Network, a Canadian media and digital literacy organization, more kids may be likely to engage in bullying behaviour online because they can't see or hear the effects of their actions and because many forms of social media lack supervision.

As a result of the increase in cyber-bullying incidents, in 2007 Ontario made changes to the province's Safe Schools Act, introducing a new legislation that made cyber-bullying an offence for which a student can be suspended or expelled from school.

On metronews.ca/bullying

— We take a look at anti-bullying legislation across the country.
— Missed a day? Check out our full three-part series on bullying.
— Have a comment? Let us know online, or tweet us @vancouvermetro.

How bullies can make it right

Monika Wierzbicki's top three tips on making amends:

- The first step is to remove anything posted online that has caused another person pain or embarrassment.
- Make a personal apology, preferably by phone or email to the victim.
- Help out with an anti-bullying organization at school or in the community.

What is cyber-bullying?

This new form of bullying is when the Internet, cellphones or other devices are used to send or post text or images intended to hurt or embarrass another person. This can include threats, sexual remarks, pejorative labels, making someone the subject of ridicule on forums or posting false statements as fact aimed at humiliation.

Reader response

Re: "My bully, my friend" (Jan. 30). We asked: Should reformed bullies reach out to their victims or leave the past behind?

- **@Aquaryan1972:** I had to let go my pain of the bullies. However, I have not forgiven the adults who ignored my pleas for help
- **@redsaidfred:** If a bully wants to make amends and the victim is willing, why not? Sounds like a #happyending
- **@laurynzmum:** I had a childhood bully apologize to me many years after
- **@onijoseph:** it depends if victims consent to bullies contacting them.
- **@unconvmummy:** Absolutely but skip the hey bro arm punch! An apology via email or note goes a long way towards closure.
- **@anitaelizar:** Not everyone can forgive their bullies.

Via Facebook: Tj Freezn: It's good to first ask qualifying questions, so that they don't turn into an internet bully too lol. I'm glad you two patched it up! :D

Re: "Girl-style bullying vs. boy-style bullying" (Jan. 31). We asked, What's more hurtful — social alienation or physical bullying?

- **@acidmiasma:** Physical bullying is more hurtful. Social aspect usually the hidden motive, boys or girls.
- **@jme_morin:** Social & physical bullying are both equally hurtful. A combo of the two is worse.
- **@markyeg:** social alienation
- **@kirkschmidt:** through either means, the emotional impact is hard to shake, and never fully leaves. #BulliedNerd
- **@WalterRogers1:** All methods of bullying are not acceptable
- **@rjperry61:** As a principal I found dealing with phys bullying far easier than psychological bullying! Both happen to and by boys and girls
- **@LiannePerry:** That's a really odd question. Who can answer for everyone? We are individuals, all affected differently. #Bullying
- **@inuk37:** Bullying is bullying — abuse is abuse

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THE DATING GAME: METRO'S MINI-SURVEY

Does the kind of cellphone a person uses tell you what they are like as a date? For instance, are iPhone users really more romantic? Are BlackBerry users really drunk dialers? We asked Metro readers.

I don't mind what kind of cellphone they have. I don't even have a cellphone.
Jae Kim, 19

My husband has an iPhone. He is not a romantic.... He's probably surfing the web while he's talking to me.
Kelly Kaiser

That's ridiculous. You can maybe tell how rich someone is by how they dress or what kind of car they drive. A cellphone is a cellphone.
Tony Park, 19

Survey by Sean McKibbon

What a sexy cellphone!

Got a date with an Android user? It could be steamy, survey says

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▶ Who's a sexier date — an Android, iPhone or BlackBerry user?

If you're reading this article on your Android phone, then you're more likely to have sex on a first date, according to new survey results released Tuesday by Match.com.

The survey was done for the international dating site to look at the dating habits of single men and women of various ages across Canada.

Between Oct. 13 and Oct. 15, 2011, 1,068 Canadians were surveyed on everything from whether they have dated someone in the workplace to drinking alcohol on a first date — and at the end of the survey, they said whether they use an iPhone, Android or BlackBerry smartphone.

It turns out users of Google's Android phones are apparently wilder than other smartphone users.

Sixty-two per cent of Android singles said they have had sex after a first date, compared to 57 per cent of iPhone users and 48 per cent of BlackBerry users. But iPhone users are more likely to wait one day to reach out after a first date, whereas Android and BlackBerry users will wait after two to three days.

Kimberly Moffit, Match.com psychotherapist, said the survey shouldn't be taken too seriously, but it can open a window into people's dating habits.

Ottawa sex therapist Sue McGarvie said BlackBerry users tend to fit the corporate, conventional stereotype.

"They tend to be a little more traditional in terms of their dating approach."

Beating case man: I was forced to confess

The man accused in the savage beating of a Canadian tourist says he was forced to sign a confession he never read.

Jose Ramon Acosta Quintero, 28, admits he hit Sheila Nabb in a hotel elevator, but denies he wanted to kill her.

He told the newspaper Noroeste that he understands the authorities are looking to clean up Mazatlan's image because the victim was a Canadian tourist, but argues they can do that without charging him with attempted murder.

Quintero has admitted he ran into Nabb, who he says was naked, in her hotel's elevator after he and a friend snuck in to have some drinks at the bar.

Nabb, 37, had been vacationing with her husband at the upscale Hotel Riu when she was found lying in a pool of blood in an elevator. She is now back in Calgary.

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▶ Jose Ramon Acosta Quintero says the Canadian tourist he's accused of beating was naked.

Quintero described being forced to sign two confessions, including one stating he meant to kill Nabb, as authorities allegedly swore at him, telling him to sign the document because "it's late and we want to go home."

"So I have no idea what my confession says," Quintero said, adding he was never allowed to read it or speak with a lawyer.

When he was presented with the second statement, he told the newspaper, he protested that he'd never said he wanted to kill Nabb but he was told to sign it anyway.

A spokesperson with the state attorney's office said the police and prosecutors had done their job, and done it well.

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Shafia son to appeal, lawyer says

Just days after being convicted with his parents in the first-degree murders of four family members, Hamed Shafia has filed notice to appeal, his lawyer said Tuesday.

Shafia, 21, has taken the first step by filing an inmate's notice to the Court of Appeal for Ontario, lawyer Patrick McCann said from Ottawa.

During the three-month trial in Kingston, Ont., the Crown alleged the murders were carried out to restore the honour of the Montreal family after the daughters tried to resist their parents' strict control.

The bodies of sisters Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17, and Geeti Shafia, 13, along with Rona Amir Mohammad, 52 — the father's other wife in a polygamous marriage — were found in a car at the bottom of the Rideau Canal on June 30, 2009.

Shafia and his parents Mohammad Shafia, 58, and Tooba Yahya, 42, were each found guilty of four counts of first-degree murder on Sunday.

All three were given automatic life sentences.

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▶ Hamed Shafia

Now that's a hurtin' song

William Carr Oller Jr. apparently ain't no karaoke country superstar.

At least not according to his father.

The 70-year old man was allegedly so angered by his son's country-music karaoke singing in the house, that he went out to his pickup truck, got his semi-automatic and shot him multiple times.

The father also shot himself in the leg, according to the Shasta Sheriff County Office in California.

The father, William Henry Oller Sr., has been charged with the attempted murder of his 50-year-old son.

He has pleaded not guilty and is reportedly still in jail.

Oller Sr. was visiting his son's home Thursday afternoon when he became incensed by his son's singing.

He left the house, saying something like "I'm going to shut you up," said the sheriff's report.

"I can't believe he shot me," Oller Jr. said while waiting for the paramedics to arrive, according to the sheriff's report.

The officers have said they don't know which song or which artist Oller Jr. was singing at the time, reports said.

But it turned out to be a real hurtin' song.

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Romney reinvigorated by Florida victory

Romney adds Florida to win in New Hampshire Gingrich hit with $15M US worth of campaign attack ads

Mitt Romney coasted to a decisive victory in the battleground state of Florida on Tuesday, regaining the upper hand in his efforts to win the Republican presidential nomination after dropping millions of dollars in the Sunshine State to all but annihilate his biggest foe, Newt Gingrich.

Romney's campaign is renewed and reinvigorated with his victory in Florida just a few days before the "first in the west" Nevada caucuses this weekend, a contest their candidate won resoundingly in 2008 during his first run for president.

Unofficial results had Romney winning 47 per cent of the vote compared to 32 per cent for Gingrich, 13 per cent for Rick Santorum and seven per cent for Ron Paul.

"Primary contests are not easy and they're not supposed to be," Romney said during a victory speech in Tampa that went on to target U.S. President Barack Obama. "A competitive primary does not divide us, it prepares us, and we will win.... Mr. President, you were elected to lead, you chose to follow, and now it's time for you to get out of the way."

This is the first time in Republican party history that three different candidates won the first three contests of the race — Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Republican presidential candidate former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks with a voter at his campaign office in Tampa, Fla., on Tuesday during Florida's primary election day.

Battle for votes

- **Negative ads** accounted for 92 per cent of all campaign commercials, according to Kantar Media Campaign Analysis Group.
- **68 per cent** of those ads were attacks on Gingrich.

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Europe's cold snap hits homeless hardest

At least 58 people have died — as many as 30 in Ukraine, 15 in Poland
Temps plunged as low as -27 C

Dozens of homeless people have died in an Eastern Europe cold snap, and some analysts blame a Soviet-era legacy of viewing the homeless as those who need to be punished instead of helped.

At least 58 people have died overall in the past week, while hundreds have sought medical help for hypothermia and frostbite. Snow and ice have disrupted traffic and power, and led to the closure of schools.

Ukraine has been among the hardest-hit countries. As many as 30 people have died on its snow-covered streets, in hospitals and in their own homes in the past four days. Authorities said most of the victims were homeless.

Ukrainian authorities have set up hundreds of heating centres across the country — large green or beige tents — in which the homeless can get warm and are offered food, hot tea and coffee. Still, more than 540 people have been hospitalized with hypothermia and frostbite, Ukrainian health officials said. Hospitals were instructed to refrain from discharging homeless patients, said Svitlana Tikhonenko from the Health Ministry.

Pavlo Rozenko, a social policy expert from the Kyiv-based Razumkov Centre, said that Ukrainian authorities suffer from the Soviet legacy of viewing the homeless as alcoholics, drug addicts and do-nothings who need to be punished.

"The country doesn't know yet how to take care of its homeless," Rozenko said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Redzo Beganovic breaks up ice on the surface of a frozen lake to get water for animals, near Tuzla, 130 kilometres north of Sarajevo on Tuesday. Temperatures plummeted to lows of -10 C, causing misery among Bosnians, whose economy is still a wreck 14 years after a devastating 1992-95 war.

Temperature toll

- **While much of North America** basks in a warm winter, Europeans are coping with a cold snap.
- **Temperatures sank** to -27 C in the southeastern Polish city of Ustrzyki Gorne and forecasts predicted -29 C overnight.
- **In Romania,** two people died in the past 24 hours, bringing the total to eight since last week.
- **In Russia,** one person died in Moscow. The Russian Emergencies Ministry is not reporting deaths across the country yet.

Prisoners save strays

Authorities sent prison inmates from the Jilava prison in Romania to shovel snow leading to a shelter with some 300 stray dogs and puppies.

Temperatures were below -15 C, while the inmates unblocked pathways.

The shelter was snowed in following blizzards at the end of last week.

Four people have died in Romania due to cold-related causes, according to local media reports.

Temperatures plunged to -27 C in parts of Romania, according to officials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A stray dog peers through the enclosure fence at a shelter in Glina, Romania.

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Clinton: Syria won't be a Libya

But Russia fears military move

Will Syria be another Libya? Definitely not, says U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Clinton told the UN Security Council on Tuesday that United Nations action to end the bloodletting in Syria would be different from NATO-led efforts in Libya that ousted Moammar Gadhafi.

"I know that some members here may be concerned that the Security Council is headed toward another Libya," Clinton said, referring to Russia's refusal to back measures against Syria.

Russia is emerging as a key player in international efforts to stop the bloodshed.

"How long do Syrian families have to live in fear that their children will be killed or tortured before the Security Council will act?"
WILLIAM HAGUE, BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

It worries that a draft measure before the Security Council could lead to military action and regime change.

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▶ Crowds shout slogans and carry pictures of Syrian President Bashar Assad in front of the Russian Embassy in Beirut. Russia says it will use its Security Council veto to block any resolution threatening Syria with military intervention, and the demonstrators are expressing their gratitude.

Baird to Canucks: Get out of Syria

It's time for Canadians to get out of Syria — and fast.

That was the message from Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird on Tuesday.

He said the embassy in Damascus, with a skeleton staff, is doing what it can to help Canadians escape.

Canadian officials have made thousands of phone calls to Canadians in Syria, urging them to leave and offering what help they can. Baird said since Dec. 15, about 300 Canadians have told Foreign Affairs they have left.

While the Damascus embassy is still open and limited services are available through an honorary consul in Aleppo, there are problems outside those cities, Baird said.

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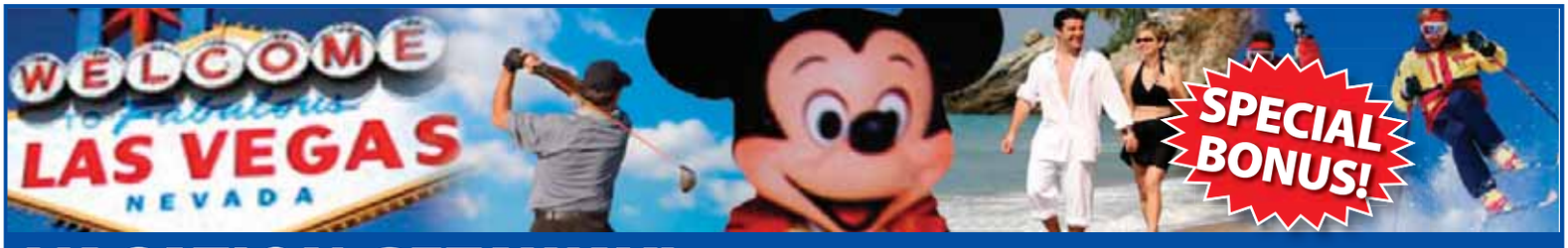

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RIM's cartoons criticized

Characters were based on input from the company's Twitter followers

Four cartoon superheroes in a one-off information graphic had BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion on the defensive Tuesday, as some critics labelled RIM's effort to describe its users as "lame" and "embarrassing."

The Waterloo, Ont.-based company was downplaying the lighthearted take on its loyal smartphone users after the graphic — associated with RIM's "Be Bold" campaign — took an ugly turn on social media as some criticized it for being juvenile.

"This infographic is just intended to be a bit of fun," the company said on its Inside BlackBerry blog on Tuesday.

However, by that point some technology blogs and BlackBerry users had already misinterpreted the superheroes as part of a new advertising campaign.

RIM unveiled the characters in a graphic that broke down its user base into four market segments — naming each after a superhero.

The spunky Gogo Girl was used to describe the users who consider themselves achievers. The more daring Max Stone characterized the adventurous types.

Justin Steele is intended to represent the "advocate," ready to stick up for his friends and Trudy Foreal is the "authentic" who is not afraid to call it as she sees it.

The cartoons led to a decidedly negative response on social media websites. One Twitter user named GoPic encouraged RIM to consider firing its marketing department, while others said the characters looked like they were designed to market to children.

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▶ The cartoon graphic for BlackBerry's "Be Bold" campaign.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Review suggests split of top RIM roles

After having already replaced top executives Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis, Research In Motion says a review of its corporate governance has concluded that the roles of co-CEO and co-chairmen formerly held by the pair should be split.

The findings of the review, which had been encouraged by an activist shareholder group about a year ago, were released late Monday, just over a week after the company had already replaced the two men.

Activist shareholder Vic Alboini, who pushed for corporate governance changes at RIM, said the report is "moot" given the leadership changes happened before it was issued.

But RIM was able to head off speculation and "snuff out" uncertainty by making the executive changes and then putting out the report, added Alboini, chief executive of Toronto-based Jaguar Financial Corp.

Almost two weeks ago, co-CEOs Balsillie and Lazaridis stepped down from their lead positions at RIM. Both remain on the board of directors but Lazaridis is vice-chairman.

Thorsten Heins was appointed CEO on Jan. 22 but may still get advice from Lazaridis.

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Unemployment in eurozone hits high

Unemployment across the 17 countries that use the euro ended 2011 at a record high, official figures showed Tuesday, a day after EU leaders acknowledged they would have to boost economic growth with the same urgency that they had shown in combating their nations' debts.

Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, said the 10.4 per cent unemployment rate in December was unchanged at its highest level since the euro was launched in 1999, as November's was revised upward from a previous estimate of 10.3 per cent.

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▶ A musician plays in Pamplona, Spain, Monday.

Unemployment has been steadily rising over the past year — in December 2010, it stood at 10 per cent — largely because of Europe's debt crisis, and compares badly with the U.S., where unemployment stands at 8.5 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GDP down in November

Statistics Canada reported Tuesday that real gross domestic product actually shrank by 0.1 per cent in November, following zero growth in October.

The surprising weakness brings economic growth over the last three recorded months to a snail-paced 0.7 per cent.

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Canadians need to prioritize retirement cash: BMO

As pensions come under increased pressure from corporate and public-sector cost-cutting, Canadians need to place a higher priority on saving for retirement, says a new report from the Bank of Montreal.

It says the dwindling number of defined-benefit pension plans means more retirees don't have a guaranteed level of retirement income.

"An obvious reason behind this phenomenon is the reluctance of employers to be their employees' retirement income guarantors: In times of low interest rates, uncertain market returns and increasing longevity, the risk is simply too high," said Tina Di Vito, head of the BMO Retirement Institute.

As a result, more Canadians must rely on their own ability to save and invest.

At the same time, Canadians are not placing high priority on a good retirement plan, instead tending to focus on salary and flexible work arrangements, the report says.

The BMO report suggests that more than half of those surveyed could not identify the "must-have features" they would include if they were able to design their own workplace pension plan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Samsung dealt blow in battle with Apple

Samsung took a hit in its battle against arch-rival Apple on Tuesday, when the European Union announced it will investigate whether it is illegally trying to hinder competitors, while Germany blocked sales of some of its tablets.

Samsung Electronics and Apple Inc. are engaged in a strategic war over patents in many countries across the world as they try to draw market share away from each other.

The EU's antitrust watchdog thinks the South Korean company may be overstepping the bounds, however, and launched a formal investigation of whether Samsung is using lawsuits over key patents on 3G wireless technology to hinder competitors — including Apple.

In Germany, an appeals court ruled in favour of Apple in a separate case, saying Samsung could not sell its Galaxy Tab 10.1 or the Galaxy Tab 8.9 in the country because they too closely resembled the iPad2, in violation of unfair competition laws.

Samsung's successor tablet, the Galaxy Tab 10.1 N, was not affected by the ruling, and the company said that while the decision was disappointing, it was largely irrelevant.

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▶ A lawyer holds an Apple iPad and a Samsung tablet at a court in Duesseldorf, Germany, last August.

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WATCHING THE SUPER BOWL, NO QUESTIONS ASKED

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
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Like 40 or 50 million North American males, I'm an expert on the Super Bowl, the U.S. football championship so big that, like a Rocky movie, it needs to be described using Roman numerals.

As Sunday's game draws near, more and more people come to me with their questions, such as: "Paul, why don't you get a life and do something worthwhile on Sunday instead of sitting in front of the TV like a zombie for nine hours watching former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw caper and jibber like the evil clown in IT?"

Questions like that.

So, to be even more helpful, I've compiled a list of MFAQs (most frequently asked questions) to go along with the MVPs and PATs and other acronyms that baffle civilians.

"Q: This year's Super Bowl is being played in Indianapolis. Where is Indianapolis? A: Nowhere."

Q: How old do you have to be to get invited to be the halftime act at the Super Bowl? **A:** Older than dirt. Like Madonna, who will perform this year's atrocity. Or Elton John, who has made it clear he would never do it, even if asked. Which he wasn't.

Q: Why are the quarterbacks always called "Tom Brady" and the cornerbacks always called "Prince Amakumara"? **A:** Tradition.

Q: What number is Super Bowl XVLI? **A:** Why, it's XVLI, of course.

Super Bowl ads are usually more interesting than the game itself. For instance, this year Honda resurrects Ferris Bueller.

Q: How come Matthew Broderick doesn't look a day older than he did 26 years ago, the first time around? **A:** There's a rumour going around he's part of the same lab experiment that produced Wayne Newton and Justin Bieber. Too bad it didn't work on Madonna.

Q: What is "clock management"? **A:** Each team has a bunch of time-outs they can invoke at any time during the game. The team that's losing, using an artful combination of time-outs, incomplete passes and fake injuries, can extend the final two minutes of the game for what seems like forever. That's why it's called the two-minute warning.

Q: How many people watch the Super Bowl. **A:** Thirty billion.… What?

Q: What is tailgating? **A:** Drinking way too much and throwing up in the parking lot before the game even starts.

Q: This year's Super Bowl is being played in Indianapolis. Where is Indianapolis? **A:** Nowhere.

Q: So who's going to win on Sunday? **A:** I am because I get to sit in front of the TV for nine hours … etc.

Q: Who will be the MVP? **A:** Three-to-one on Tom Brady over Prince Amakumara. Tradition is a big factor.

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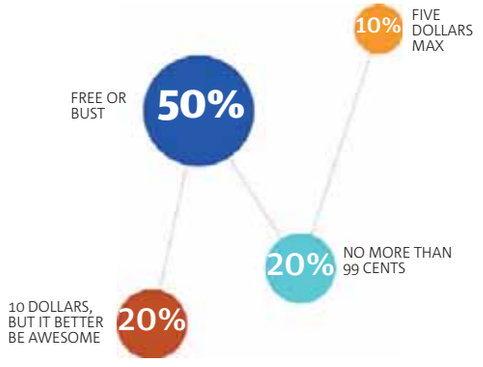

Local tweets

- **@FarhanLaljiTSN:** Toews: "we've played this team in the playoffs the past 3 years and it gets worse every year" #blackhawks #canucks
- **@FarhanLaljiTSN:** More Toews "A lot of the things that went on between Boston & Vancouver kind of happened between these 2 teams as well" #canucks #blackhawks
- **@jeffnagel:** Tears at #MWCI as Shenher tells of her emotional trauma from Pickton case, #VPD handling. She wanted to leave policing.
- **@christyclarkbc:** Had a chance to see plans for new Centre of Care at #Mission Mem Hosp. Amazing health care asset for #MapleRidge families, esp seniors.
- **@andreareimer:** Black History Month kicking off in Council chambers. Full house to ring in the first year of official city support ow.ly/1FfIVA
- **@ElizabethMay:** Yesterday CPC MP Richard Harris, Cariboo-Prince George, denounced the 40-yr #oil-tanker ban as "reckless." Removing ban is reckless.#cdnpoli

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UDA DENNIE

Ants get their teeth in some fly

BATAM, INDONESIA. Is this teamwork, or is it every bug for itself?

Four weaver ants take a bite out of a fly in Batam Island, Indonesia.

Amateur photographer Uda Dennie took this snapshot outside his home.

"Lots of ants are active near my home. I wanted to get to know their lives a bit better," Uda explains to Metro. MWN

"Around us, there are so many moments involving insects that are rarely seen."
UDA DENNIE, PHOTOGRAPHER

Tools he used to capture ants

EQUIPMENT. Dennie says the gear he uses to capture such images is "far from complicated ... I used a Canon Kiss X4, a Sigma 150mm Macro lens and a monopod." Dennie, whose other images include a wasp captured by four red ants, says "after lots of hunting, perseverance paid off. Now I produce fine macro photos." MWN

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▶ Dane DeHaan is set for a big breakout year with his work in Chronicle.

DeHaan DiCaprio-esque

Recognize this actor? You will after Chronicle and a handful of other movies in 2012

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If Dane DeHaan isn't already a familiar face — and not just because of his resemblance to Leonardo DiCaprio — just give it some time. While fans of HBO's True Blood might already be aware of DeHaan, the 24-year-old Pennsylvania native has an impressive slate of upcoming titles hitting theatres over the next year. And he better get ready.

"I don't know that I do spend a lot of time preparing myself for stardom," DeHaan says with a laugh. "I try to just remind myself how lucky I am, and I'm just doing what I've always loved to do. I've never wanted to be famous, I've only ever wanted to be an actor, and for me that is so much fun that I just look forward to that, and everything else is a really great side-effect of that. I haven't really reached a certain point where I lose a ton of my privacy or anything. So when someone comes up to me and tells me they really like me, I just say thank you."

Of course he says that now. We'll check in with him in another 12 months.

What's on the slate for 2012?

DeHaan will appear in Prohibition-era drama the Wettest County with Tom Hardy, Gary Oldman, Guy Pearce and Shia LaBeouf, as well as the Place Beyond the Pines opposite Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper and Eva Mendes. And next month he heads to New York to film writer-director John Krokidas' Beat Generation drama Kill Your Darlings, starring as Lucien Carr opposite Daniel Radcliffe's Allen Ginsberg. Before all of that, though, he stars in Chronicle, an inventive, found-footage-style science fiction film about a trio of high schoolers whose encounter with a mysterious buried object leaves them with awesome telekinetic powers.

Like Leo

Dane DeHaan is getting used to comparisons to Leonardo DiCaprio

DeHaan Quote: "I think that if I was going to have to be compared to one person who was once a young actor, I might pick Leonardo DiCaprio anyways. I think he did some of his most amazing work when he was younger."

Genie Awards

SCTV alum Andrea Martin and talk-show host George Stroumboulopoulos have been named hosts of the 32nd Genie Awards.The prizes, which honour the best in Canadian film, are to be handed out March 8, with the show airing on CBC-TV. The leading nominees are Jean-Marc Vallee's sweeping romance Cafe de Flore with 13 nods, followed by 11 for David Cronenberg's psychoanalysis drama A Dangerous Method.

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What makes that hero super?

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What does it really take to become a superhero?

Take, for instance, the lads in this weekend's Chronicle. After uncovering a mysterious crater they develop telekinesis, flight and invulnerability all without the aid of butlers named Alfred, secret identities or spandex suits.

They're just ordinary guys with extraordinary powers. Civilian superheroes, if you will.

But they're not the first everyday movie characters to make the leap (sometimes over tall buildings) to become superheroes. The flickers are filled with stories of regular folks who become crusaders — some with extraordinary powers, and some without.

In Defendor, Woody Harrelson plays a man whose rich inner life spills out into his real life. By day he is dead-end-job Arthur, but by night he is Defendor, a masked superhero do-gooder. His task? To clean up the streets of Hamilton, Ont.

Speaking in comic book clichés — "Look out termites," he says, "it's squishin' time!"— and with a duct tape "D" on his chest, Defendor and his homemade arsenal of weapons patrols the streets looking for crime to prevent. He's a bit delusional, but his heart is in the right place.

"Who writes your dialogue?" asks a bad guy, "Spiderman?"

"No, I do it myself," he answers innocently, before teaching the guy a lesson he won't soon forget.

Based on a wild indie comic of the same name by Mark Millar, Kick-Ass tells a couple of intertwining stories.

First up is Dave Lizewski (Aaron Johnson), a fanboy who creates a superhero alter ego called Kick-Ass as a way to boost his self-esteem. In life he says his only superpower is being invisible to girls, but when he dons the suit he becomes… only marginally more super.

His exploits, however, grab the attention of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit Girl (Chloë Moretz), a slightly psychotic father-and-daughter team of masked (and in Hit Girl's case, wigged) avengers who admire Ass's style and moxie. Defendor and Kick-Ass don't have superpowers, but they do have cool costumes and the right attitude.

That places them alongside other characters that helped redefine what it takes to be a superhero, the better-known movie heroes Batman and Iron Man.

Drake wants to play Obama

Drake is looking to get back to his acting roots, and he has one particular role in mind: U.S. President Barack Obama.

"I hope somebody makes a movie about Obama's life soon because I could play him," Drake tells VH1.

"That's the goal."

And it's a serious goal, apparently, as the 25-year-old rapper has already been preparing.

"Anytime I see him on TV, I don't change the channel," he says. "I watch all the addresses. I definitely pay attention and listen to the inflections of his voice. If you ask anyone who knows me, I'm pretty good at impressions."

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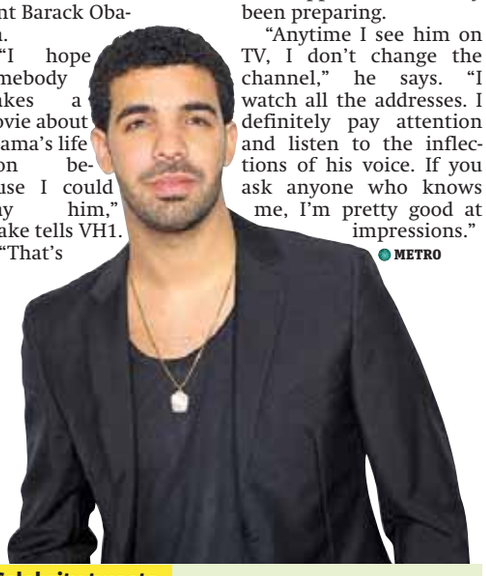

Celebrity tweets

@1jamiebell

My sunglasses stare at me with that look of neglect and abandonment. #inscotland

@edgarwright

Thoroughly enjoyed 'The Grey'. Manliest film since John Carpenter's 'The Thing'. If I was in it, I would have died in the first 15 minutes.

@SethMacFarlane

I feel like Newt Gingrich is what Justin Bieber will look like old.

@ladygaga

Haus meeting. Holy mother of coffee. I might need a valium today. Or maybe a tranquilizer meant for a small bunny.

Lilo is officially back in action

House arrest is definitely o-vah: Actress spotted 'going to the restroom with a male companion on numerous occasions in a short amount of time'

It's been a slow week here. Maybe everyone's playing nice and dressing demurely for awards season. Or maybe they're holed up in faraway tropical lands that don't grant visas to mortals. Either way — if a tipsy starlet falls in a bar and no one is there to hear it, we're still bored.

But then, Lindsay Lohan went outside, and it was good. Although she was only drinking water in the lounge — give it up Lohan, the Academy isn't watching — she did seem to be enjoying something, reports RadarOnline.

"Lindsay was spotted going to the restroom with a male companion on numerous occasions in a short amount of time," a source tells the site, who adds that her eyes looked glassy.

"When the two of them emerged from the bathroom, Lindsay was giggling."
SOURCE

"When the two of them emerged from the bathroom, Lindsay was giggling."

Linds, we really don't care what was going on in that bathroom. It's just good to have you back, babe. MONICA WEYMOUTH

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▶ Lindsay Lohan

Kissing a girl

We suspect that most people who would enjoy seeing Ashley Greene and Olivia Wilde make out won't be seeing their new film together, Butter.

But make out in it they do, and so we present you with this quote from Greene's interview with Lucky magazine. You're welcome:

"It wasn't that awkward. It's the same idea as having to kiss a male co-star and it's not real. Olivia is such a cool chick and very professional. So we were just messing around and cracking up in between scenes, and it ended up being really fun."

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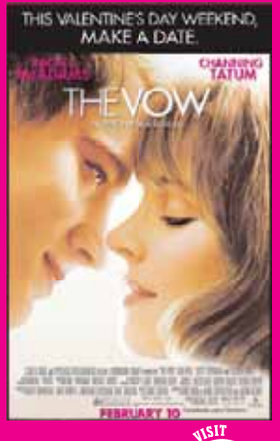

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Travel in brief

It's a combination designed to appeal to nature lovers at Bronte Creek Provincial Park in Oakville, west of Toronto. This year to mark Valentine's, park officials decided to spice things up with their first "adults-only" hike. Participants will be led through the woods Feb. 11 on a nighttime hike to learn what animals native to southern Ontario get up to in the dark.
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Ports of call: cruise passengers find plenty to do on Canada's east coast

The best Caribbean hot spots

Definitive Caribbean.com offers its picks for everything from beaches to spas to music

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For the beach: Antigua and more

When you think of the Caribbean, we know what comes to mind: a gorgeous white sand beach. And rightly so. Many of the best hotels are on prime beach front, or better still, there are beaches that are still wild and remote. There tend to be two distinct coastlines to most islands: the calm Caribbean side and rougher Atlantic side. If you are looking for a lively Caribbean beach resort you'll need to aim for somewhere like Antigua, Barbados, Jamaica or the Dominican Republic. For somewhere more laid back, Anguilla's striking white beaches are hard to beat and many of the smaller islands have beach charm aplenty.

For a spa: Cap Juluca, Anguilla

Fancy a massage with a sea view, or some open-air reflexology? Many of the leading hotels in the Caribbean now have serious spas — not just a few treatment and beauty rooms, but full-service operations led by leading spa companies, including Shambhala, Aveda, Molton Brown and ESPA. You'll also find holistic activities such as meditation, yoga, Tai Chi and Pilates. Try the Cap Juluca, set on its own superb beach in the west of Anguilla. It's one of the Caribbean's most famous and best-loved hotels, has a Wellness Centre, and includes Moorish-style villas. Or the BodyHoliday at LeSPORT is an upbeat resort hotel tucked into its own attractive cove at the northern tip of St Lucia.

For romance: Hermitage Bay, Antigua

The Caribbean is a wonderfully romantic place to get married (As if you couldn't tell by the photos). And it's easier than ever; regulations have loosened up in the past few years. Now in many islands you only have to be resident for two or three days before you can get married. Many hotels offer a wedding service in their grounds with ceremonies under an arbour or on the beach. Alternately, you might opt for the privacy of a tropical villa and garden. Our top pick is the Hermitage Bay Antigua, a low key and extremely elegant small hotel with a magnificent beachfront setting in a secluded west-facing bay. It has just 25 large and very private suites, ranged in leisurely fashion along a superb beach and across the hillside behind.

For music: Jamaica, St. Vincent, Grenadines, Tobago

The Caribbean people are uniquely inventive when it comes to music. There is almost a different rhythm for every island. Reggae, merengue, calypso, salsa (in different versions from Cuba and Puerto Rico), compas, zouk and soca. Some islands have more than one, but almost all are lively, fast and full of explosive joy.

Check out our website for a list of the year's top gigs, island by island. Among the highlights: February is Reggae Month in Jamaica, March brings the SVG Blues & Rhythms Festival to St. Vincent and the Grenadines and April finds the Tobago International Dance Festival in, yes, Tobago.

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Saving money on the slopes

Here are tips on shopping around and timing your next ski or snowboarding trip to get the best deals on equipment, lift tickets and lodging

Gear Head

Preparing for a trip to the snow can be daunting, especially for a novice trying to amass all the equipment, from skis, boots and poles — or a board and boots — to goggles and a jacket.

Start by repurposing things you already own: thermals, your heaviest winter jacket, a hat, gloves and sunglasses. Ski-specific clothing is rarely a necessity, though insulated, waterproof pants substantially boost the fun factor. Borrowing from friends can work well, if you know someone your size.

For equipment, bear in mind that even many experts rent their skis, boots and poles if they don't get to the snow more than a couple times each season. You can save 20 per cent or more on rentals by reserving equipment in advance from your resort, says Vail Resorts Inc. spokeswoman Kate Lessman.

Reserve online at rentskis.com, skibutlers.com or your resort's website.

Food bill

Staying in a place with a kitchenette that's not right on the mountain can cut your lodging costs in half, Justin Blackburn of ski-blog.com says, while stashing trail mix, peanuts or candy bars in your backpack each morning can cut your snack bill by two-thirds, compared with ski lodge prices. For lunch, Surette likes to tuck a peanut butter and jelly sandwich into her pocket because it tastes fresh regardless of temperature.

Getting a Lift

With lift tickets running $60 or more per weekend day for adults, it pays to research discounts. Check out websites including liftopia.com, lifttickets.com and getskitickets.com.

You can also peruse Craigslist or inquire with a local ski club to see if someone that lives near you is selling tickets.

Season passes are often less expensive, especially if you buy in early. But that's almost always before the snow starts to fall so pencil out the cost of a pass with only minimum usage to make sure you're getting a deal.

Lodging logistics

For the best rates and selection, plan several months in advance.

The best prices are typically available from summer through late October.

And Blackburn notes that your money will go much further in some towns than others.

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▶ Hitting the slopes can be a pricey proposition. But with a bit of planning, you can save some big coin.

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▶ Check out Craigslist or a local ski club for cheap lift tickets.

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And Blackburn notes that your money will go much further in some towns than others; he estimates that two days at Loveland, Colo., cost about the same as one day at the highest-end Colorado resorts.

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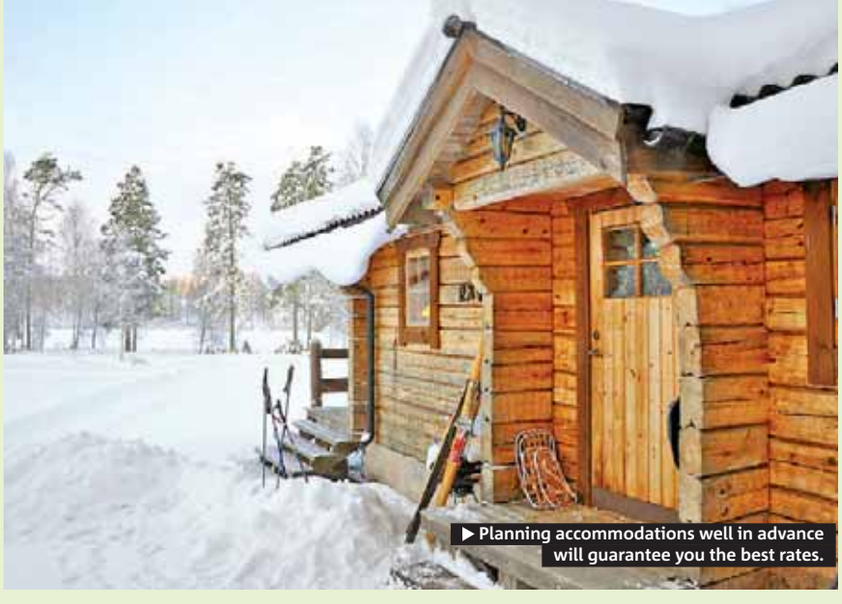

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Chipotle kicks it up a notch

Elizabeth Karmel, a grilling and Southern foods expert, shares recipe for Chipotle Chicken Heat of meat is balanced by orange, jicama and mango slaw

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This recipe serves eight.

Chipotle Chicken Preparation:

1. In blender, combine chipotles with adobo sauce, white onion, jalapeno, cilantro and lime juice. Add pinch of salt. Blend until smooth. Transfer to a glass or stainless-steel bowl. Fold in 500 ml (2 cups) of mayonnaise. Taste and adjust seasonings. If it is too spicy, add more mayonnaise.
2. Add chicken pieces, turn to coat, then cover bowl and marinate in refrigerator for 2 to 4 hours, turning occasionally.
3. Heat oven to 160 C (325 F). Set a metal rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Remove chicken from refrigerator and place bone-side down on the rack. Roast until breast meat near bone registers 74 C (165 F) and thigh meat registers 83 C (180 F), 45 minutes.
4. Use tongs to transfer chicken to a platter to rest for 5 to 10 minutes before serving. Serve with wedges of lime and mango slaw.

Cool Orange, Jicama and Mango Slaw Preparation:

1. Slice off top and bottom of jicama, then carefully peel it. Use a box grater to grate jicama. In a medium bowl, toss grated jicama with the juice of 1 of the limes.
2. Use a paring knife to trim off the tops and bottoms of each orange, then cut off the remaining skin. One at a time, hold peeled oranges in a cupped hand over the bowl of jicama to catch juices. Cut each orange section between membranes to make individual sections, adding to jicama as you go.
3. When you have cut all the sections, squeeze leftover membranes to extract as much of the juice as possible. Toss well, then mix in mangoes.
4. Arrange in a bowl or on a platter. Garnish with whole cilantro leaves and a light dusting of cayenne pepper, if desired. Cut remaining lime into wedges for serving with the slaw.

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Shopping List

Chicken

- 1 can (199 g/7 oz) chipotle chilies in adobo sauce
- 1 medium white onion, chopped
- 1/2 small jalapeno, seeds removed, chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped fresh cilantro
- Juice of 4 limes
- Kosher salt
- 500 to 750 ml (2 to 3 cups) mayonnaise
- 2 whole chickens, cut into pieces
- 1 whole lime, cut into wedges

Cool Orange, Jicama and Mango Slaw

- 750- to 1-kg (1 1/2- to 2-lb) jicama
- 2 limes
- 3 navel oranges
- 2 mangoes, peeled, pitted and cut into chunks
- 3 to 4 sprigs fresh cilantro, leaves removed
- Cayenne pepper (optional)

Parlez-vous français for real?

Are you bilingual? What makes you sure that you are or you aren't? Make it clear during the job search

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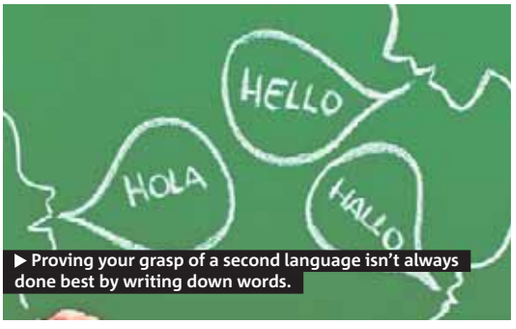

▶ Proving your grasp of a second language isn't always done best by writing down words.

How much of another language do you have to speak or write to be considered bilingual?

• Maya Meyouhas, general manager of Sweetspot Quebec, says that "in Quebec, where most people speak at least two languages, I would consider someone bilingual if they can just as easily communicate (speak and write) in one language as they can in the other."

• Grégoire Holtz, French professor at the University of Toronto, believes bilingualism means being as comfortable in one language as in the other, though you may sometimes hesitate or struggle to translate a thought. Bilingualism also demands a level of understanding where the other language's humour or subtleties are concerned.

• Françoise Mougeon, associate principal of academics and research at Glendon College at York University, feels that one needs to reach "maximum efficiency" and "a thorough command of the language" in order to succeed in all forms of communication.

How much bilingualism is "enough" for a job?

Françoise points out that, depending on the job, you may be able to get by with only a few French words — and perhaps you will only need to speak the language and never write it, or vice versa — but a more thorough knowledge of the language is needed to truly express oneself.

This is especially true considering that a bilingual job may require you to work mostly in English one day and almost completely in French the next.

Christopher Leite, a teaching assistant at the University of Ottawa, occupies a bilingual role that demands just this sort of ability to switch from one language to the other.

"Here at the university, my department is a French-speaking one, so again, while I can speak to the administrators in English if I wanted to, they are all Francophone and all of the departmental correspondence is sent in French," he says.

Different jobs demand different levels of bilingualism. Maya notes that "the word 'bilingual' has a different meaning for different people — in other provinces, having functional French may be enough to land you a 'bilingual' position."

Is there a way to prove you're bilingual to an employer?

"The best way to prove it is during the interview," Maya says. "If bilingualism is important, the employer will communicate with you (test you) in both languages — they'll know quickly enough if your language skills are right for the position."

When Christopher applied to be a TA at the University of Ottawa, he was asked to share a copy of his high school diploma (he studied extended French) and university transcripts, which highlighted his minor in French. When working as a teller at the National Bank of Canada in Ottawa, his language skills were put to the test, but he was asked only one question in French. The bilingual demand varies with the job.

Maya adds another place where you can really shine: "If the job posting is in French (or if the company is based in Quebec), send your CV and/or cover letter in French."

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What should I write on my resumé?

If looking to indicate your bilingualism on your resumé, Maya advises against use of the word "bilingual," as it's too vague. It's best to be honest about your level of comfort and knowledge in both languages. After all, your employer isn't the only one who will suffer should you be asked to lead a presentation or write a report in a language you don't know well enough.

"Specify instead your functional/good/strong/excellent written and/or verbal communication skills in French and English," she suggests. This shows your employer how well you know both languages and, what's more, it showcases honesty: and what employer doesn't love that virtue?

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▶ Is your willpower frequently broken by the appearance of desktop delicacies? Share your health goals with your co-workers so that you can motivate and keep an eye on one another.

Remember one month ago when you were going to get in shape, eat better and quit smoking in 2012? Unfortunately, work becomes a place of limbo for these goals.

Fitness guru Mark Allen, co-author of Fit Soul, Fit Body: 9 Keys to a Healthier, Happier You, stresses the importance of setting realistic goals for your schedule — and then taking time to reflect on those goals throughout the work day.

"Sometimes the reason we get discouraged is because we allow our mood to influence our actions," he says.

"Maybe you've had a bad day and tell yourself it's pointless to work out, or you convince yourself it's too hard. Instead, set aside a quiet time to reflect on your goals."

If the constant barrage of sugary snacks in the break room is beating down your diet willpower, Allen suggests you get back on track by writing yourself a contract that you can stick to.

Keep it simple, clear and attainable, such as: "By my June 1 doctor's appointment, I aim to have lowered my cholesterol by 10 points and lost 10 pounds."

The buddy exercise system can be valuable in the office, not just at the gym. Jill Spiegel, author of How to Talk to Anyone About Anything! The Secrets to Connecting, believes in finding a "walk partner" at work.

"Next time you're chatting in the break room or talking in the lobby, positively share your [health] goals with your co-workers," says Spiegel. "Energy is contagious."

Looking to get a little exercise at the office? Laurie Kendall-Ellis, executive director of the American Physical Therapy Association, gave us these tips for boosting energy at work.

1. Park the car farther away. Alternate swinging your arms as you walk at a brisk pace. This will increase your heart rate and the value of the walk.

2. While at your desk, squeeze your shoulder blades back and down while taking a deep breath in. Look straight ahead as you do this. It's a chance to move out of the head-down posture that so many of us assume with texting and computer work.

Work weight

What's holding you back? In a survey by CareerBuilder, the majority of workers identified being stationary at a desk as the main culprit. But that wasn't the only problem:

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WHEN DISMISSALS GET DIRTY

Tumultuous terminations have been dealt with in different ways over the years But recent case shows such situations will not be taken lightly

WORKPLACE LAW

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It is one of the most important concepts in workplace law — but it is not even clear how it applies.

Since 1997, when the Supreme Court presented Canadian workplaces with the Wallace decision, employers have had an obligation to play nice and behave well at the time of dismissal, or face paying additional "bad faith" damages to a former employee.

As the Court reasoned, employees were particularly vulnerable at the time of dismissal and in need of additional protection.

But in the landmark decision in Honda nearly 11 years later, the Supreme Court considerably rewrote its own law. In that case the Court found that, unless there was evidence of some actual or physical harm stemming from a dismissal, employees should no longer be compensated for their mistreatment.

Many employees were left shaking their heads and since this time, it has been unclear what, if any, damages they should receive if they are dismissed "in bad faith." Fortunately, a recent case seems to clarify the law.

When Sergio Coppola was dismissed from Capital Pontiac Buick in Regina, he was told the dealership was eliminating his position and that, since he had the least tenure among his group, he was losing his job. However, when Coppola tried to start his own business a few months later, his prospective business partner was told by one of the staff at Capital Pontiac that Coppola was fired because a car had gone missing and hinted that Coppola was at fault.

The allegation that Coppola had engaged in misconduct affected him greatly.

Coppola's new business venture was delayed and he claimed that he was emotionally devastated, although he never went to see a doctor.

Coppola sued his old employer for wrongful dismissal, based on the false allegations — and recently he was awarded additional damages based on the manner of his dismissal, even though there was no precise manner to calculate his alleged loss.

What is important is that the court did not hesitate to award Coppola damages for his ex-employer's shoddy behaviour, even though he could not specifically show how it affected him. This is a welcome development in workplace law demonstrating that an otherwise garden variety dismissal will rebound poorly on an employer if it engages in misbehaviour when terminating its employees.

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Canucks climb over Hawks

Schneider stands tall as Vancouver moves ahead of Chicago in Western Conference standings

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▶ Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford stops David Booth in the first period on Tuesday night.

Daniel Sedin scored in overtime Tuesday as the Vancouver Canucks defeated the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 in a battle of Western Conference contenders.

Sedin was right in front of goalie Cory Crawford to snap home brother Henrik Sedin's centring pass from behind the net.

Vancouver got a stellar performance from goalie Cory Schneider, who brought the crowd to its feet in the second period when he foiled former Canuck Brendan Morrison after misplaying the puck behind his own net.

Ryan Kesler and Cody Hodgson scored in regulation for Vancouver while Jamal Mayers and Viktor Stalberg replied for Chicago.

The Canucks won their third straight game to improve to 31-15-4 and move a point ahead of Chicago with a game in hand.

The Blackhawks lost their third in a row to slip to 29-15-7.

Stalberg gave Chicago a 2-1 lead 1:17 into the third period when he banked a shot in off Canuck defender Alex Edler and behind Schneider.

But Hodgson, with his fourth goal in five games, equalized for Vancouver less than three minutes later when the Canucks took advantage of a Stalberg turnover.

Jannik Hansen found Hodgson alone at the Chicago blue-line and the Canuck forward deked Crawford before shooting high.

5-0
The Canucks improved to 5-0 this season in games decided by overtime.

The Hawks got an offensive boost to start the game when captain Jonathan Towes (arm) and winger Patrick Sharp (hand) returned from injuries, but Kesler opened the scoring by drilling a shot in off the shaft of defender Duncan Keith's stick.

The goal followed several Canuck chances when Hawks defenceman Niklas Hjalmarsson struggled to get off the ice after blocking a shot. Mayers banged in his fourth goal for a first-period tie for the Hawks.

Schneider had to be sharp late in the period when he came across his crease to stop Towes' deflection and foil Stalberg's attempt to bury the rebound.

He then made several key saves to preserve a 1-1 tie when Vancouver was outshot 18-6 in the middle frame. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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"The biggest thing I can take from this is this is something I can work on. I can come in and get my neck worked on."

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Midfielder sends mixed messages after trade to Caps

The Vancouver Whitecaps were forced to do some damage control Tuesday after acquiring high-scoring French midfielder Sebastien Le Toux.

Le Toux tweeted: "Just got traded to Vancouver! Saddest day for me in my Philadelphia Union story.... Still can't believe it."

But he later changed his tune on Twitter and during a conference call with reporters. Le Toux said it was hard to leave Philadelphia because he was committed 100 per cent to the Union, but he vowed to give total allegiance to the Whitecaps and make fans of his new team proud.

"I'm really happy to go to Vancouver," said Le Toux, adding he was glad to be going to a team that really wants him. "It's a great city to live and play football in. I'm very excited to go back in the West Coast."

Vancouver coach Martin Rennie said he spoke to Le Toux and read the tweet and believes his new star has a strong desire to excel with the Whitecaps.

"I think he was more sad about leaving Philadelphia, which is understandable," said Rennie. "He was the face of their franchise for the last two years and very popular.

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▶ Sebastien Le Toux

"But he is excited about becoming popular in Vancouver. He lived in the Northwest when he was in Seattle and loves the area, and he knows a lot about our team and the additions we've made. He knows that there's exciting things happening in Vancouver."

Before making the jump to MLS, Le Toux spent two seasons with Seattle in the old United Soccer Leagues First Division and played several games against Vancouver. He also played two seasons for FC Lorient-Bretagne Sud in France's Ligue 2. The 28-year-old Frenchman had just one goal for Seattle in his 2009 debut season in Major League Soccer but found his form in Philadelphia, scoring 25 goals and adding 15 assists over the last two years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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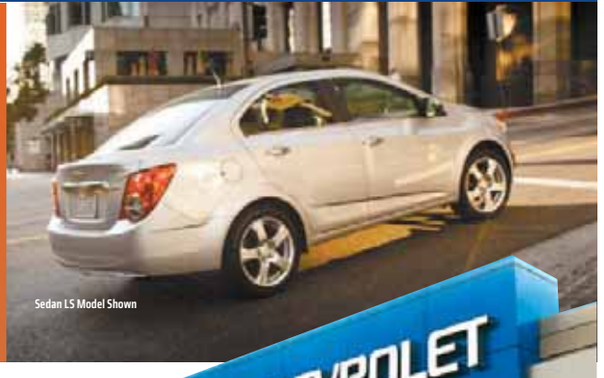

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Fiat 500c (Cabrio)

The 500c (Cabrio) is, depending on your viewpoint, either a convertible or a regular 500 with a giant power-operated roof. In 15 seconds, the two-ply cloth top folds accordion-style, leaving the roof pillars and side glass in place.

Sure it's quirky, but that's how it was originally done on the 1950s 500. As well as leaving your coiffure in tact, Fiat claims that the fixed side pillar design is far more rigid than open-air convertible designs.

The Cabrio features a buzzy 101-horsepower 1.4-litre four-cylinder engine that delivers at least adequate acceleration whether connected to a five-speed manual transmission, or optional six-speed automatic.

Fiat 500 Abarth

More performance assistance is on the way with the mid-2012 launch of the Fiat 500 Abarth. The model is named for Karl Abarth, who successfully tuned the original 500 for racing use (Abarth was to Fiat what John Cooper was to Mini).

The Abarth arrives with a turbocharged version of the 1.4 that makes 160 horsepower and 170 pound-feet of torque.

Also part of the package is a five-speed manual gearbox, sport-tuned suspension and exhaust, beefier brakes, special Abarth alloy wheels (in 16-, or optional 17-inch sizes), distinctive nosepiece and rear spoiler plus specific interior/exterior trim.

▶ Behold the Fiat 500 Abarth, in both white and black. The 500 is a small car with a small price tag, but it also makes an interesting style statement.

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Now there's a new marketing boss and two new models to help reach an aggressive North American target of 50,000 cars a year.

But is it enough? And do North American buyers get it?

Fifty-plus years ago, the Volkswagen Beetle charmed North Americans with quirky styling and a highly effective ad campaign that, like the rear-engine, air-cooled car itself, broke all the rules. Since then, lightning has yet to strike twice, although the resurrected Mini Cooper in all its iconic glory has been more than moderately successful.

On these shores, the 500's heritage is far less appreciated, but at least the car delivers on the cute-and-cool factor. Of course, a spike in gas prices would really help to light a fire under the 500's sales chart.

For the 2012 model year, two new versions of the Fiat 500 await your consideration — the 500c (convertible) and the performance-minded Abarth.

With both versions appealing to a wider audience, it will be easier for Fiat to sell you on the idea of the 500, but keep in mind the small-car pie is still small in North America.

▶ The colour-coordinated dash panel makes the interior feel wider than it really is.

2012 Fiat 500

What you should know about the 2012 Fiat 500:

- **Types:** Two-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback/convertible.
- **Engines (hp):** 1.4-litre DOHC I4 (101); 1.4-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (160).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt., except Abarth).
- **Market position:** Sub-compacts currently occupy an equally tiny percentage of the automotive landscape. The Fiat 500, along with new entries from General Motors and Toyota, indicates this category is definitely on the rise.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 6.7/5.1 (MT).

5 drive

By comparison

Mini Cooper Classic
Base price: $23,550
Sporty looks and slot-car handling, but is pricey for its size.

Chevrolet Spark
Base price: $15,000
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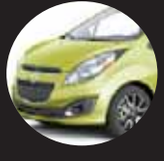

Scion iQ
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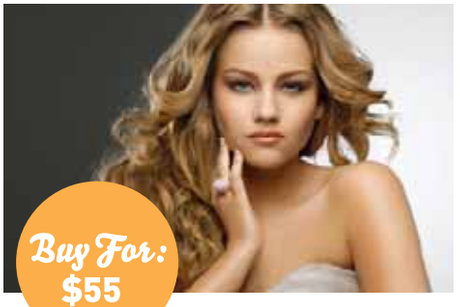

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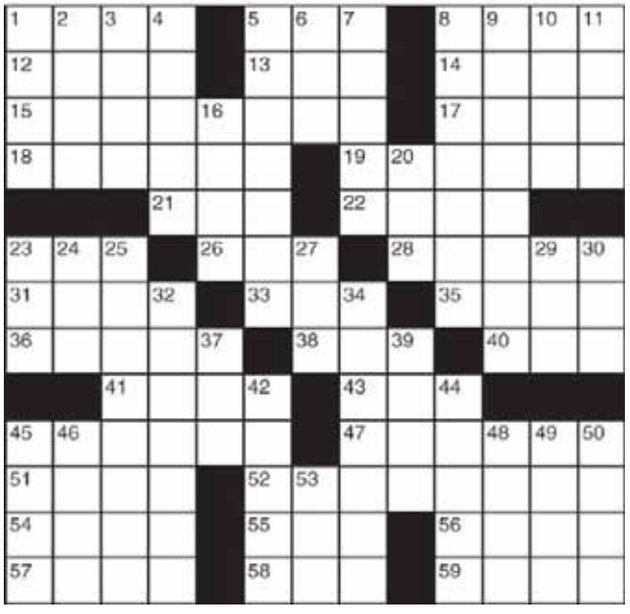

Across

1 Former larva
5 2004 horror movie
8 Composer Khachaturian
12 Rainbow
13 Spy-novel org.
14 Lima's land
15 Intellectuals
17 Rhyming tributes
18 Vend used goods
19 Turkish officials
21 Dine
22 Location
23 Oklahoma city
26 Writer Buscaglia
28 Camel's cousin
31 Quick cut
33 Water barrier
35 Dutch cheese
36 Ms. Hilton
38 Kipling lad
40 Bribe
41 Barber's concern
43 Zilch
45 "Burnt" crayon color
47 Cause of weakness
51 Exotic berry
52 Marines, slangily
54 Scepters
55 Lemieux milieu
56 Rote of football lore
57 "Meet Me — Louis"
58 Old hand
59 Bean that provides a sauce

Down

1 Harbor structure
2 Incite
3 Swine
4 Bonfire leftovers
5 Sought huge profits
6 Help
7 Nasty nesters
8 "Last Supper" figure
9 Carrottops
10 Vicinity
11 Tousle
16 Hebrew month
20 Have a bug
23 Cleo's slayer
24 "CSI" evidence
25 Mindless ones
27 Erstwhile acorn
29 — Zedong
30 Pump up the volume
32 Elton John or Billy Joel
34 Mosque tower
37 Transgression
39 Ho Chi —
42 Indira's son
44 Welsh veggies
45 Rani's wrap
46 PC picture
48 BLT topper
49 One way to stand by
50 On the briny
53 Expert

▶ Monday's answer

Sudoku

6	1		2	4	5			
								6
	9	3	1			8		
2				8				7
		4				5		
8				3				1
		6			2	1	7	
9								
			9	6	4		5	2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Monday's answer ▶

9	7	6	3	1	8	2	5	4
2	1	5	6	4	9	7	3	8
4	3	8	7	5	2	6	1	9
1	8	9	4	2	6	5	7	3
6	4	2	5	3	7	9	8	1
3	5	7	8	9	1	4	6	2
7	2	4	1	8	5	3	9	6
5	9	1	2	6	3	8	4	7
8	6	3	9	7	4	1	2	5

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FROM SUSIE Q

Jordan
Remember that one time at my place where we had so much fun..... lets take it to the next level tonight if you know what i mean (wink wink) when we play star wars on playstation 3
FROM ROGER

Natasha
You're like a light that I can't seem to stop staring at...when you're near, everything is brighter...everything is hopeful. But your light fades when you're gone...and my hope fades...and I am nothing without you. **FROM THE ONE WHO WILL NEVER HAVE YOU**

Today's horoscope

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Has someone taken advantage of you? Maybe, but more likely you are overreacting.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
This could be a hectic week and most likely you'll find yourself rushing all over the place without getting much done.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Watch out you don't bite off a larger chunk than you can comfortably chew today.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 This could be and should be a lucky week for you, so don't be afraid to take the occasional risk. Chew today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
This could be and should be a lucky week for you, so don't be afraid to take the occasional risk.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
A loved one seems to be in an emotional mood at the moment and it's unlikely their outlook will improve until later in the week.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You really don't have to explain your actions or your motives to anybody.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
The more someone tries to tell you that something cannot be done the more determined you will be to prove them wrong.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 No matter how negative a picture certain people may be painting of your current situation all you need to know is that they are wrong.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Anyone who expects you to stay in one place over the next few days is going to be disappointed.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You seem to be a bit tense at the moment. Why is that?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
It seems you are having to react to one crisis after another of late. Is there an end in sight? Yes.

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